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TO : PCB/S - Mr. Wilber

DATE: June 12, 1951

FROM : A/MS - Leon Crutcher *LC*

SUBJECT: Your Memorandum of June 7, 1951 Concerning Backstopping Mr. Webb in PSB.

I have the following comments on your memorandum:

1. I assume that your use of the term "project officer" does not indicate that it is your idea to separate this responsibility from the Executive Secretary of PCB. I believe we should still think of one officer serving as both Executive Secretary to PCB and Assistant to Mr. Webb in PSB.

2. I would suggest the use of language carefully designed to establish a staff officer relationship of this officer to Mr. Webb; for example, I would not suggest that he "must delegate large portions of detail and implementation work to appropriate bureaus and officers with the Department." It would be preferable, I believe, to speak of his acting for Mr. Webb in securing the necessary papers, coordination, etc.

3. I would hope that this officer would rarely or never be the "originating officer" for papers going to PSB.

4. I think we should assume that this officer will work directly with the Director of PSB and such members of his staff as necessary. I doubt that we would want a State Department Liaison Officer stationed with the staff of PSB, but we can not decide such a question in advance of the selection of the Director anyhow. Certainly the Director will not want to rely upon a "contributed" staff.

Brad Patterson tells me that Mr. Barrett and Mr. Davison discussed the whole PSB-PCB problem at length yesterday and came to some conclusions which might affect this matter. I believe these suggestions of mine are in line with those conclusions, but I am not fully familiar with the conclusions. I assume that you have been informed of the outcome of the discussion by Mr. Davison.

cc: P - Mr. Patterson

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